Required Hearings for Children in Foster Care, Required DCS Meetings, and Other Common Events

Removal Hearing/ Preliminary Hearing

Within 72 hours of entering foster care

Adjudicatory Hearing

NO PASSING

ZONE

Within 30 days of entering foster care

Visitation

Dispositional Hearing

PASSING

Within 15 days of adjudicatory hearing

Ratification on **Permanency Plan** Hearing

Within 60 days of entering foster care

Visitation

PASSING ZONE

Periodic Progress **Review Hearings**

Within 90 days of entering foster care (then, every 6 months)

PASSING

ZONE

Permanency **Hearing**

entering foster care

Visitation

PASSING

ZONE



Child Enters Foster Care

Initial

Permenancy Planning CFTM Within 30 days of entering foster care¹

Placement Changes Most foster children experience placement moves during foster care, frequently resulting in changing schools or placement in a different

DETOUR

1000 FT

Placement Stability **CFTM** Prior to placement

change or within 15 days of placement

Quarterly **Progress CFTM**

Every 3 months after entering foster care, unless another CFTM has taken place during the 3-month period¹

Within 12 months of (then, annually)



Visitation

Initial Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM)

Before entering foster care or within 7 days of entering foster care¹

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¹ Revised **Permanency Plan CFTM**

Within 12 months of entering foster care and whenever the **Permanency Plan** needs to be revised¹





Visitations with Parents, Prior Caregivers, Relatives, and Siblings

These visitations are cruical to timely permanency and maintaining relationships with parents, prior caregivers, relatives, and siblings not in foster care or in a different foster care placement.



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Physical Health or Mental Health Appointments

Visitation

These are routine doctor's visits. including pediatric appointments, dental appointments, medication management appointments, or appointments to address other physical or mental health concerns.



Other Frequent Appointments, **Including In-Home and Out-of-Home Therapuetic Services**

Sometimes, children in foster care have in-home therapuetic services several times a week, along with counselling appointments 1-4 times per month. Therapeutic visitation with parents or prior caregivers is also a common service.



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